

JESUS WAS A THREAT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF PRIEST AND THE ELDERS OF THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM SO THEY CHALLENGE HIS AUTHORITY

V23 WHEN JESUS ENTERS THE TEMPLE THE CHIEF PRIEST AND THE ELDERS OF THE PEOPLE COME TO JESUS WHILE HE IS TEACHING AND ASK HIM BY WHAT AUTHORITY ARE YOU DOING THESE THINGS BEING OVERTURNING THE TABLES OF THE MONEY CHANGERS HEALING THE BLIND AND THE LAME AND TEACHING IN THE TEMPLE

V24 JESUS KNEW THEIR MIND WAS CLOSED TO THE TRUTH JESUS KNEW THEY WOULD NOT ACCEPT HIS ANSWER HE WOULD NOT GIVE THEM FUEL FOR THE FIRE THEY WERE TRYING TO BUILD

INSTEAD JESUS ASKED THEM A QUESTION HE SAID I WILL ASK YOU ONE THING WHICH IF YOU TELL ME I WILL ALSO TELL YOU BY WHAT AUTHORITY I DO THESE THINGS

V25 JESUS QUESTION TO THEM THE BAPTISM OF JOHN WAS FROM WHAT SOURCE FROM HEAVEN OR FROM MEN THESE MEN WERE SKILLED IN DEBATE SO THEY WENT INTO PRIVATE DELIBERATION AND REASONED AMONG THEMSELVES IF WE SAY FROM HEAVEN HE WILL SAY TO US THEN WHY DID YOU NOT BELIEVE HIM

V26 BUT IF WE SAY FROM MEN WE FEAR THE PEOPLE FOR THEY REGARD JOHN AS A PROPHET AND TO REJECT GOD'S PROPHET WAS TO REJECT GOD HIMSELF THE PEOPLE HAD RECOGNIZED JOHN AS GOD'S PROPHET AND IF THEY DENIED THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD RECOGNIZE THEM AS PHONIES AND THEY WOULD LOSE THEIR INFLUENCE

V27 SO THEY ANSWER JESUS AND SAY WE DO NOT KNOW SO JESUS TELLS THEM NEITHER WILL I TELL YOU BY WHAT AUTHORITY I DO THESE THINGS

JESUS PROVED THAT THEY WERE NOT SEEKING THE TRUTH THEY WERE MORE INTERESTED IN KEEPING THEIR POSITIONS IN THEIR RELIGION THAN THE TRUTH THEY WERE BLINDED BY THE GOD OF THIS WORLD

THEY WERE CONTENT WITH THEIR RELIGION THEY WERE NOT SEEKING THE TRUTH NOR WERE THEY TEACHING THE TRUTH

V28 THEN JESUS SAYS WHAT DO YOU THINK JESUS WANTED HIS STUDENTS TO ENGAGE THEIR MINDS IN SOLVING A PROBLEM THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS A MAN HAD TWO SONS AND HE CAME TO THE FIRST AND SAID SON GO WORK TODAY IN THE VINEYARD

V29 AND HE ANSWERED I WILL NOT BUT AFTERWARD HE REGRETTED IT AND WENT TO WORK IN THE VINEYARD

V30 THE MAN CAME TO THE SECOND SON AND SAID THE SAME THING AND HE ANSWERED I WILL SIR BUT HE DID NOT GO

V31 THEN JESUS ASK THEM WHICH OF THE TWO DID THE WILL OF THE FATHER THEY SAID THE FIRST THE JESUS SAYS I TELL YOU THE TRUTH THAT TAX COLLECTORS AND PROSTITUTES WILL GET INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

SINNERS WHO REPENT WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WHILE THE HYPOCRITES WHO DON'T WON'T

V32 THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS WERE WITHOUT EXCUSE BUT THEIR PRIDE WOULD NOT ALLOW THEM TO HUMBLE THEMSELVES AND REPENT OF THEIR SINS

IN SPITE OF THE RELIGIOUS SHOW THEY PUT ON AND THEIR CLAIMS TO BE OBEDIENT TO GOD THEY HAD REJECTED BOTH JOHN AND JESUS GOD'S PROPHET AND HIS SON AND THEIR SAVIOR

THE TRUTH IS SALVATION IS MORE THAN WORDS IT IS ACTIONS SALVATION PRODUCES GOOD WORKS AND GOOD WORKS FOLLOW TRUE REPENTANCE

